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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Case No.

3-21CR0208-N

TREMELLE SYKES

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

At all times material to this Indictment:

Counts One through Eight
False Statement
(Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3))

1. From at least 2005 until 2019, the defendant, **Tremelle Sykes**, was employed as a Hazardous Material Safety Inspector for the Federal Railroad Administration ("FRA") and was the sole inspector assigned to the Dallas-Fort Worth area and northeast Texas.
2. The FRA was an agency of the United States Department of Transportation responsible for enforcing the regulations promulgated by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration pertaining to the safe and secure transport by rail of hazardous materials, such as ethanol, crude oil, and toxic or poisonous inhalation hazard materials.
3. The FRA employed Hazardous Materials Safety Inspectors to conduct inspections of railroads and shippers for compliance with the hazardous material regulations. After conducting an inspection, a FRA Inspector was required to prepare

and submit to the FRA an inspection report (Form 6180.96) that reflected his findings and provide the inspection facility with a copy of the inspection report.

4. On or about the date below for each count, in the Northern District of Texas, the defendant, **Tremelle Sykes**, in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the Government of the United States, that is, the Federal Railroad Administration of the Department of Transportation, did knowingly and willfully make and use a false writing and document knowing the same to contain materially false, fictitious and fraudulent statements, that is, the Inspection Report (FRA Form 6180.96) identified below for each count, which represented that the defendant had performed a hazardous material inspection at the railyard company identified below, when in truth and fact, as the defendant well knew, he had not conducted the inspection:

Count	Report Date	Report No.	Submitted Date	Railyard Company
1	Jan. 8, 2019	006	Jan. 22, 2019	M.G.C. (Gunter, Texas)
2	Jan. 16, 2019	013	Jan. 22, 2019	W.T. (Dallas, Texas)
3	Jan. 18, 2019	015	Jan. 22, 2019	S.C. (Garland, Texas)
4	Feb. 20, 2019	027	Feb. 27, 2019	B.E.C. (Cleburne, Texas)
5	April 9, 2019	055	May 2, 2019	S.C. (Cleburne, Texas)
6	April 11, 2019	057	May 2, 2019	Q.C. (Fort Worth, Texas)
7	May 8, 2019	073	June 12, 2019	F.W.W. (Ft. Worth, Texas)
8	June 18, 2019	085	June 20, 2019	K.R.C. (Saginaw, Texas)

Each in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(3).

A TRUE BILL



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(Counts 1-8)

8 Counts

A true bill rendered

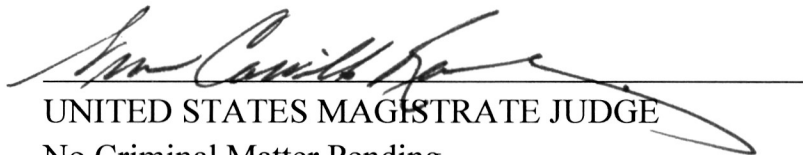


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Filed in open court this 4 day of May, 2021.

No Warrant Needed


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
No Criminal Matter Pending